

In the Specification:

At page 1, lines 1 please replace the title with the following title:

NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING GLIAL CELL LINE-DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR (GDNF)

At page 18 please replace the paragraph at line 29 with the following:

--Probes were prepared based on the nucleic acid sequence of rat GDNF in order to clone the genomic DNA gene coding for human GDNF. The human gene encoding mature GDNF, and the amino acid sequence of human mature GDNF are given in Figure 19 (SEQ ID NOs: 5 and 6).--